

2 POSTMASTERS OF BOSTON, YET NONE.

Department Unable to Decide Who Is Entitled to the Salary.

HENDERSON NOW IN.

Colonel Thomas Was Relieved When Found Insane, but, It Is Insisted, He Still Holds Office.

Boston, Nov. 24.—Who is the postmaster of Boston? And who is entitled to draw the salary of \$8,000 a year? These two questions have given the postal department in Washington no end of trouble during the last few months.

When President McKinley went into office he appointed Colonel Henry A. Thomas postmaster. It is one of the biggest Federal plum in New England, and Colonel Thomas was considered fortunate in getting the place. The Administration, too, felt that it had rewarded a good man, as the Boston postmaster had grown up in the Boston Post Office and had filled many responsible positions. He was one of the most popular Republicans of the State and one of the few Federal appointees of high position in Boston who could make a good speech.

Colonel Thomas went up and down the State upholding the Administration, and during the Spanish war his voice was raised nightly at some public demonstration in praise of the Administration. But speaking nights, travelling about the State and over the country and attending to the duties of the postmaster's office were simply burning the candle at both ends, and one day last May the people of this city were surprised to learn that postmaster Thomas had been committed to an asylum as an insane person.

His bondsmen, some of the most prominent business men of the State, held a meeting and placed the acting assistant postmaster, Arthur R. Henderson, in charge of the office. Like the postmaster, the assistant postmaster had grown up in the service from his young manhood. In fact, he was the first appointee in the country under the civil service law.

After Colonel Thomas's commitment to an asylum, an investigation of his affairs showed that he was without a dollar to pay the heavy charges of the private sanitarium to which he had retired. Then his friends came forward and guaranteed the amount for several weeks. Recently he has been removed from the sanitarium to a less ostentatious place, where the expenses are much smaller.

A few weeks ago Senator Lodge arrived home from an extended European trip. He was visited by half a dozen candidates for the postmaster's office, but informed them that he desired to see if there was not a chance for Colonel Thomas to get well and return to his duties as postmaster.

When the Post Office Department was first notified that the postmaster of Boston had been legally committed as an insane person, it regarded him as dead. The bondsmen were instructed to proceed as if the postmaster had died in office. Accordingly this was done, and on May 20 Mr. Henderson was recognized as the acting postmaster, and began to draw the salary of the postmaster, \$8,000 a year.

As soon as this became known, Colonel Thomas's friends, among them the President's friend, William R. Plunkett, of Adams, made a flying visit to Washington and laid the matter before the Chief Executive. Immediately a telegram was sent to Colonel Thomas giving him leave of absence for an indefinite period. Now, it is announced at the Post Office Department in Washington, that Colonel Thomas is entitled to his pay since he left the office, and that the acting postmaster will be obliged to return the amount he has drawn.

To this Acting Postmaster Henderson makes reply that according to all decisions, rules and regulations of the Post Office Department he is entitled to the salary of postmaster. A decision is eagerly awaited.

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LITTLE LAUGHS AT TALK OF INDICTMENT

Maxwell's Report on Teachers Not Concealed, He Says.

ATTACKS CITY CLUB.

Committee Wont Press Complaint—May Recognize School Boards.

The movement among members of the City Club to secure the indictment of President Little and seven members of the Board of Education for a misdemeanor was a topic of general discussion yesterday.

It was based on the vote, at Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Education, to receive and file, without printing, the report of Superintendent Maxwell in regard to Brooklyn schools. The refusal to print the report for general distribution was based on the severe criticisms in the report in regard to the methods that Brooklyn teachers, according to Mr. Maxwell, are compelled to adopt to secure appointment or promotion. He declared that no teacher without political influence could get a place.

"The City Club is too ridiculous!" exclaimed President Little, when seen at his office yesterday. "That idea of having us arrested for a misdemeanor is too absurd for consideration."

"In the first place, the charter refers to the 'concealing' of a report, and not its 'suppression.' And that report has been neither concealed nor suppressed."

"The report is on file and open to the public."

The City Club appointed a committee of three to go ahead with the misdemeanor proceedings. They were Oswald G. Villard, John P. Faure and James W. Pryor. They were all seen yesterday, and each was found to be of the opinion that, after all, nothing unlawful had been done, but they were all glad that the Maxwell report was bound to be widely discussed, in consequence of what they called the effort to suppress it.

There was nothing new in the teachers' salary situation yesterday. The Manhattan teachers are to be paid on Monday. Corporation Counsel Whelan has not yet made a report on the new claim of the Richmond Borough Board.

Plans for changing the organization of the school boards are also widely talked of. It is understood that Senator Bishberg intends to introduce a bill practically abolishing the power of the borough boards and giving more power to the Central Board. Miles M. O'Brien favors giving more power to the borough boards. Others favor a single Commissioner, at a high salary, or a paid commission of three. Corporation Counsel Whelan favors that will give more system and less red tape.

Borough Superintendent Jasper said yesterday that reports regarding the overcrowding of schools have been exaggerated.

PLAN PROPOSED TO PROTECT PALISADES.

Committee to Present a Report at the Next Meeting of the State Legislature.

The New York Committee to Preserve the Palisades yesterday considered the plans submitted and decided upon one, which they will present at the next meetings of the New Jersey and New York Legislatures.

One of these plans suggests that the destruction of the Palisades might be prevented under the ancient common law of England, as coming under the head of interference with an "ease of beauty."

The old forestry laws of England aim at the preservation of naturally beautiful landscape. For example, a man may own property but be deterred from chopping down the trees on account of destroying the scenic effects.

There is, however, some doubt among lawyers whether this English common law can be made to apply to the conditions in America.

BRIBERY CHARGE AGAINST RODDY.

The Alderman Is Held Under \$2,500 Bail, Accused of Demanding \$200 from a Flower Merchant for the Privilege of Building a Stand on the Street.

John S. Roddy, Tammany Alderman from the Twenty-first Assembly District, was held yesterday by Magistrate Zeller, in the Harlem Court, on a charge of demanding a bribe. Bail was fixed at \$2,500. Roddy was not in court when the Magistrate made the decision. He was out on bail which, up to yesterday, had been fixed at \$1,000.

His bondsmen, Alexander McDowell, was ordered to produce his man in court this morning. The penalty, on conviction, is imprisonment for not more than ten years, or a fine of \$5,000, or both. One of the results already arrived at, caused by the pendency of this charge, was the failure in Roddy's part to receive a re-nomination. Tammany's choice was Dr. E. Styles Potter.

The principal witness against Roddy is a Greek flower merchant, James Vlachos. He alleges that Roddy demanded \$200 from him before he would allow him to put up a flower stand at the southeast corner of One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Eighth avenue.

In his affidavit Vlachos swears he told Roddy that he was too poor to pay \$200. To this, the affidavit says, Roddy retorted: "I don't care for that. If you put a stand there it will be worth \$200."

Notwithstanding this alleged threat and refusal Vlachos put up his stand. Within an hour the man in charge was arrested. When the prisoner was brought before Police Captain Steincamp he was released. The Captain said a warrant would be returned against Roddy.

Vlachos had among his friends Jacob Fromme. The Greek owned a flower store in Lexington avenue, which Mrs. Fromme occasionally patronized. He told her of

his troubles. She told her husband, He went to Roddy. He didn't accomplish anything. The Alderman gave as a reason for his refusal to allow the stand that the people of the vicinity objected to it.

Then Councilman Sulzer came to Vlachos's aid. He introduced a resolution in the Council, which was passed, allowing Vlachos to maintain his stand. But when it reached the Board of Aldermen Roddy had it referred to himself. And there it stopped.

Sulzer tried it again when Roddy was not there. This time it passed both the Council and the Board, but Roddy got so it before the Mayor had signed it. And it stopped again. Afterward the Bureau of Incumbrances was called upon.

Alderman Roddy refused yesterday afternoon to make any comments upon the action of the Magistrate in holding him for trial. He said the first he had heard of it was from the reporter for the Journal.

"I don't know anything about the \$200 part of it," the Alderman said, finally. John S. Roddy is the head of a hardware finishing house at No. 1709 Broadway. For the last few years he has been engaged in building operations. He was born in County Roscommon, Ireland. This was his first political office. He has been in the United States thirty-five years.

Jacob Fromme has thus far conducted the case for the prosecution.

Test Wins Fight with Major Smith.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday denied application brought by Major Clinton H. Smith, of the Seventy-first Regiment, on a writ of prohibition preventing Peter C. Doyle, al. from determining whether or not the major ought to be dismissed from the military service.

The defendants constitute a Board of Examination. The court says the proceeding is simply an aid to the governor and the court has no jurisdiction.

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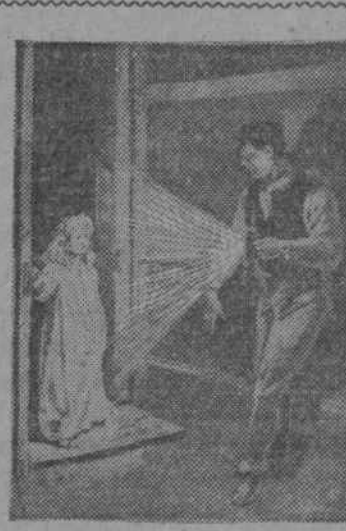
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